June 15, 1954

Mr. A. B. Whitaker
Special Agent in Charge
United States Secret Service
Room 1616 Whitehall Bldg.
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

I transmit to you herewith a confidential statement containing the original autograph of the testimony of Elizabeth (Mrs. Harold) Gibson taken before the Coroner's Commission on the determination of Ethel Rosenberg on May 29, 1953, at Ossining, N.Y. This is an original at the Sing Sing State Hospital, Ossining, New York. This is apparently a New York State Security Bureau institutional and because of that we have at times had difficulty securing Mrs. Gibson.

It is necessary that Mrs. Gibson read and sign the enclosed original copy of her deposition. She may be permitted to make corrections. However, any correction she makes is to be initialed by her. This is to make sure that she is the deponent in the statement of the number of pages that she presents the deposition to you.

Will you please be good enough to arrange to have a member of your staff take the deposition to her in Ossining, and have her read and execute the same as indicated above.

Mrs. Gibson was a young couple of very limited means and [illegible], occupied with the ordinary activities of the middle [illegible] class, will portray her as she is to have [illegible] the purpose of reading and executing her deposition. My impression at the time I took Mrs. Gibson's testimony was that she and her husband planned in the not too distant future to leave the Ossining area and to take up residence in Florida. Therefore, I suggest you contact her by telephone before undertaking a trip (if that be necessary) to Ossining.

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Inasmuch as the Commission is working to beat all efforts to the closing on its investigation, we will appreciate any expedition which you can afford this matter so that it may be known if the Commission expenditures will reasonably proximate the appropriations which were made available.

The Commission greatly appreciates your cooperation and assistance in the premises.

Sincerely,

Albert B. Jones, Jr.
Assistant Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thomas Kelley
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